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JONES TO ADDRESS BUSINESS GROUPS IN EUROPE

REF: (A) BARDACH LETTER OF APRIL 5, 1974; (B) EWING-FLATIN

TELECON OF APRIL 11, 1974

1. THE DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH DR. SIDNEY

L. JONES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR ECONOMIC

AFFAIRS, THE INTEREST INDICATED BY AUSTRIAN AND SWISS

BUSINESS GROUPS IN HAVING HIM ADDRESS SPECIAL MEETINGS

LATER THIS YEAR (REFS A AND B). DR. JONES WILL BE

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ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION OF EUROPE

AT GENEVA FROM JUNE 19 TO 21. HE WOULD PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE FOR A SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT IN SWITZERLAND ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20, SHOULD EMBASSY BERN FIND THAT DATE CONVENIENT FOR THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR A SIMILAR ORGANIZATION. ON JUNE 24 AND 25, DR. JONES WILL BE ATTENDING THE OECD MEETING IN PARIS. FOLLOWING THAT SESSION HE COULD COME TO VIENNA TO ADDRESS THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE -- PERHAPS ON JUNE 26 OR 27 (HE WOULD FIND THE LATTER DATE MORE CONVENIENT).

2. DR. JONES IS PLEASED THAT THE AUSTRIAN ORGANIZERS OF THE ALPBACH FORUM WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM RETURN AGAIN THIS YEAR FOR THE AUGUST 25-SEPTEMBER 6 SESSION. HE WOULD BE WILLING

TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE PROPOSED LETTER OF INVITATION. (INCIDENTALLY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MRS. JONES MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACCOMPANY HIM THIS YEAR.) IN CONNECTION WITH THIS LATTER TRIP, DR. JONES WOULD ALSO BE WILLING TO ADDRESS OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (INCLUDING GROUPS IN BONN OR BRUSSELS).

3. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSES CONCERNING DATES, FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, AND OTHER DETAILS. KISSINGER

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